

YAVAPAI DIGITAL ART & FOTO CLUB

FIELD TRIP GUIDELINES AND INFORMATION

Meeting and getting to know others who share your passion for photography and art in an active environment where one can learn from their own experience and the experience of others is fun. The ability to apply new photographic techniques in challenging circumstances, visit interesting and picturesque locations, and then sharing the results of your work in a safe and positive environment is crucial to the goals of our club.

YDAFC's field trips attempt to focus on meeting the needs and interests of the widest number of club members. Trips are scheduled for their timeliness challenge, natural beauty and uniqueness. Initial trips will be local to the Yavapai County area, but more extensive trips are being planned for your enjoyment, growth in the medium and social aspects. All participants will be required to sign a waiver for any field trip attended.

Some events may include time being set aside for meals (participants responsible for their own costs), which may involve restaurants and at times members may be asked to bring a brown bag lunch, or participate in a pot-luck or cook out situation. While organizers may plan the location of the meal, members are responsible for their own dietary needs.

In the future, some events may involve the use of a rented van or bus in order to reduce the overall travel costs of the experience for participants. This may involve additional costs to the participating members. Participants for popular events may be either split into two groups or participation may be restricted to a set number. We also may plan overnight trips. These trips will no doubt incur additional costs to members for lodging and meals, plus possible transportation fees.

Out of town day trips normally involve pre-registration. Typically on the event day participants gather at a predetermined time. Organization of those who plan on taking their vehicles and those who would prefer to ride along as passengers will be crucial to getting everyone situated. For those who ride as passengers, sharing the driver's expenses where appropriate is requested. Organizers ensure that all registered participants have arrived before the group heads off for the days photo shoot. Please, be environmentally responsible. All participants in the YDAFC's field trips are responsible for their own safety.

Field trip schedules are published well in advance and shared with members at meetings, via e-mail and on the club's website. There may be a number of unscheduled opportunities from time to time and when practical, members are notified by e-mail. All field trips are on a "rain or shine basis", unless otherwise indicated. Most of these events will be held either early in the morning, usually around sunrise or in the evening around dusk in order to take full advantage of natural lighting situations.

Requirements

You do not need to be in great physical shape to attend and participate in the field trips, but you will need some good sneakers or hiking shoes, since some of the areas we may be going to are rocky, and have uneven terrain. While most journeys will not be overly physically demanding, we may be hiking or walking up to a mile to capture some images of more remote areas. All participants will assume total responsibility for their own safety during the field trip. Snacks, such as your favorite fruit or some granola bars are always great for a quick pick-me-up, and

don't forget to bring plenty of water. Appropriate footwear and clothing for the weather and the conditions is always a sound idea. A good hat, and of course some sunscreen and sunglasses, is always essential.

Equipment

You don't need to bring or buy any fancy cameras for these trips. What you currently own is fine. Of course, you may need a steady, lightweight tripod, since we may be shooting in low-level light situations. It's always a good idea to bring extra batteries and memory cards in your camera bag or lightweight backpack that should include a small to medium first aid kit.

Photo Subjects

Photo subjects for the trips will vary. A little research on your part of where we are going and the nature of the possible flora and fauna will assist you in your subject matter. This will assist you ahead of time to know what options you'll have so there are no surprises, and you can make sure you have the right equipment. YDAFC will do all we can to inspire and educate on the location.

Waiver Policy

The Yavapai Digital Art & Foto Club is a organization led by a group of volunteers with the common goal of promoting the social aspects of a club environment with emphasis on photography and art. Our fieldtrips are run by volunteers who derive pleasure from organizing events and sharing their knowledge of photography and art with others. However, we are now living in increasingly litigious times and find that we must provide protection for our volunteers.

Since YDAFC's fieldtrips may have elements of risk, with the possibility of accidents, injury, and loss, YDAFC and its volunteers are vulnerable and could be the target of lawsuits from people that they have volunteered to serve. This is not a satisfactory situation; taken to an extreme, all volunteers could soon withdraw their support. Volunteers are not expected under the law to perform as professionals, but are required not to be negligent based on their knowledge and skills.

Hence, these volunteers and their organization need protection from any legal action. In this regard, YDAFC will require all participants of field trips to sign a waiver where they assume total responsibility for their own safety during the field trip.

We thank you in advance for your understanding and cooperation in this matter.